

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Minutes
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall
December 14, 2021

Council Members Present: Mary Ann Borrelli, Kathy Callahan, Vern Connors, Carol Fuchs, Jane Koch, Ann Kurz, John David McManus, Guy Kevin Reed, Anne Ross,

Parish Representatives Present: Fr. Peter Mottola, Fr. Tim Brown,

Excused: Judy Dickinson, Mary Lochner, Cerys Montanarello, Shanna Sellers, Cathy Witner, Deacon Robert Corsaro, Deacon Marcelo DeRisio, Emily Kwiatkowski

Others Present: None

Recording Secretary: Vern Connors

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm

1. Opening Prayer: Mary Ann Borrelli
2. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Guy Kevin Reed to approve the November meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Carol Fuchs, adopted unanimously. The December meeting agenda was also accepted as presented.
3. Open Forum – No one spoke at Open Forum.
4. Council Chair Report – Mary Ann Borrelli suggested that Council members inform the appropriate committees when new parishioners indicate their interests on new member paperwork. Cerys Montanarello has resigned as a Youth Minister from the Council. Father Peter and Emily Kwiatkowski will recommend a replacement.
5. Youth Ministry Report – Youth Counselor John David thanked Cerys for her service on the Youth Ministry Committee. He also reported that Christmas Cards have been written for homebound parishioners. The Steubenville Youth Conference will take place from July 15-17th. The conference is open for students in grades 8 -12 at a cost of \$350. The monthly Scripture Reflection and Holy Hour will be held on December 15th, and there will be an Advent Escape Room held on December 19th. Both events are open to students in grades 6 – 12.
6. Financial Report – Father Peter did not present a financial report given the in-depth discussion of parish finances that took place at the November meeting.
 - a) St. John's School Building – Discussions continue with a charter school for possible rental or sale of school buildings. St. John's property will be re-zoned to separate school buildings for a possible sale.
 - b) Catholic Ministries Appeal – Pledges have reached 94% of the parish goal.
7. Parish Survey – Ann Kurz provided an overview of the Parish Survey along with a PowerPoint handout capturing the findings from the survey. It was suggested that the PowerPoint be posted to the Parish website. Father Peter also indicated that he would include a summary of the findings in an upcoming bulletin. A summary of the survey results is provided below.
 - a) 208 or 15% of the 1,398 parish households completed the survey. Mass attendance averages 550

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per weekend.

- b) 79% of respondents were 65 years or older. 70% of respondents were female.
- c) 85 % of parishioners attend mass at the same church site. 15% attend at multiple sites.
- d) Worship services, a sense of fellowship and support, and spiritual guidance were the top three areas that respondents reported were most important to them.
- e) Respondents indicated that online masses and website access were especially important during the Covid shutdown.
- f) 80% of respondents named the bulletin as their preferred method of communication. 41% indicated that information provided at weekly mass was also important.
- g) 22% - 28% named email, the website, and parish letters as important means of communication.
- h) Higher percentages of respondents were aware of the following services: Weekday Masses, Homebound Communion, Adult Faith Formation, Bereavement Group, Child Faith Formation, and the Children's Liturgy.
- i) Lower percentages of respondents were aware of the following services: Backpack Program, City East Drivers, and Youth Card Ministry.
- j) There were a number of responses to the four open-ended questions that Council may want to explore for ways to re-connect absent parishioners to the church.

Closing Prayer: Jane Koch

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm

Respectfully submitted - Vernon Connors, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: January 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the St. John the Evangelist Church Hall